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PART C. STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. SINCE THE MAJORITY OF ELECTRIC POWER EQUIPMENT IS BASED ON OR IMPORTED FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES, YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH EUROPEAN OR INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. MOST ENGINEERS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ARE, HOWEVER, FAMILIAR WITH AMERICAN STANDARDS. THE METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IS STANDARD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

2. THE ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY CHARACTERISTICS IN YUGOSLAVIA ARE 50 HERTZ, 220 VOLTS, SINGLE-PHASE OF 380 VOLTS, 3 PHASE. EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSMISSION NETWORK IS STANDARDIZED AT 380, 220 AND 110 KILOVOTS, WHILE THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS BASED ON 110, 35, 10, AND 0.4 KILOVOLTS.

3. YUGOSLAVIA IS A FULL MEMBER OF GATT (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE) BUT DOES NOT BELONG TO ANY OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC GROUPINGS, NAMELY THE EUROPEAN
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(EEC) OR THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (COMECON).

4. CURRENT IMPORT DUTIES ON ELECTRIC POWER EQUIPMENT RANGE FROM 5 TO 36 PERCENT BASED ON COST, INSURANCE, AND FREIGHT (C.I.F.) VALUES. IMPORT REGIME CATEGORIES ARE EITHER LB (FREE OR LIBERAL IMPORT) AND GDK (GLOBAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTA). THREE ADDITIONAL CHARGES, PAYABLE ON ALL EQUIPMENT, ARE: AN EQUALIZATION TAX OF 5 PERCENT, A CUSTOMS CLEARANCE CHARGE OF 1 PERCENT AND A SURCHARGE OF 10 PERCENT, FOR A TOTAL OF 16 PERCENT BASED ON C.I.F. VALUES. YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS LAW PROVIDES FOR WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND SOME CHARGES BY SPECIAL DECREE OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THESE TEMPOORARY EXEMPTIONS, OR CUSTOMS CONTIGENTS, CAN BE GRANTED FOR TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, OR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES ON VARIOUS GROUNDS INCLUDING LACK OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, BENEFIT TO PRIORITY PROJECTS OR INDUSTRIES, AND ASSISTANCE TO LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.
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